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REMARKS

The courtesy extended the undersigned attorney by Examiner Kohner during the telephone conference held on November 8, 2005, is noted with appreciation.

During the telephone conference, it was noted that the subject application claims the benefit of PCT/CH02/00446 under §120 of the patent statute, and not under §119. As such, the filing of a certified copy of the international application should not be required.

Regarding the changes made in the Examiner's Amendment which accompanied the Notice of Allowability, it was noted that the change of the term "sheet-like" to "sheet" is unacceptable to the applicant, since the term "sheet" is not used or defined in the specification and it is unclear how its meaning differs from that of "sheet-like".

After discussing this issue, it was agreed that the present amendment to base Claims 1, 15, and 21, wherein "sheet-like" is changed to "a generally flat flexible" would properly express the intended meaning of "sheet-like" and would overcome the issue. The specification provides clear support for the new recitation, note for example Fig. 1b of the drawings and the reference to "a folded printed product" at page 1, line 18 of the specification. Thus no new matter has been introduced.

The specification has also been amended to provide a specific antecedent for the new recitation in the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13.

The agreed upon amendment has now been incorporated in the base claims, and it is accordingly believed that the entry of the Amendment is appropriate. Such action is solicited.

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